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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION & PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop RCE Hon. Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to final Office Action dated November 20, 2007, the due date for response to which is March 20, 2008, by virtue of the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants request continued examination.

Prior to examining this continuing application, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks.

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